

AAUW GREENSBORO BOARD MINUTES

Date: Tuesday, April 12, 2016 at 2:00 PM

Location: 2707 Turner Grove Drive S (Cheryl Wheaton's home)

Members Present: Cheryl Wheaton, President – Linda Jensen, Programs – Laura Tew, Public Policy/Communications – Everlena Diggs – Membership - Sue Mengert, C/U Liaison – Peggy Knox, Spring Luncheon – Mary Woodrow, Hospitality – Mary Fran Schickedantz, Nominations – Lena Murrill-Chapman, Fundraising – Jane Terwillegar, Secretary

TOPIC	DISCUSSION/DECISIONS
Welcome/Introductions	The meeting was called to order at 2:10 PM by President Cheryl Wheaton.
Minutes, Board meeting March 15, 2016	Two corrections were made for the March minutes as emailed: 1) The amount paid to AAUW for the 2/16 <i>Start Smart</i> workshop is \$500 (not \$600) and 2) change A&T to NC A&T wherever the university is mentioned in the minutes. Mary Fran Schickedantz moved to accept the minutes, as corrected, (2nd Sue Mengert). The minutes were approved by voice vote.
Membership	<p>Chair Everlena Diggs reported 91 members, with 2 life members. She also reported that Melanie Maldonado, a NCCWSL scholarship winner, sent in a membership, but should be a student affiliate instead.</p> <p>President Wheaton raised the question about the 5 free AAUW memberships available to the Branch. Providing free memberships to our C/U Reps was mentioned, but with 12 possible C/U Partnership members, that number is too many free memberships and it is unfair to give a few, but not all. Cheryl Wheaton made the motion that, "Five AAUW national memberships be given to names drawn from Branch members present at the Spring Luncheon (2nd Lena Murrill-Chapman). The motion was approved.</p>
Treasurer's Report	Treasurer Stephanie Ghotbi-Taheri was unable to attend, so Mary Fran Schickedantz provided a review of recent payments made by the Branch: \$500 to AAUW for the NC A&T <i>Start Smart</i> workshop contract, \$1275 to AAUW for 3 scholarship winners (@\$425 each) to attend the June NCCWSL conference, \$275 to the Greensboro Historical Museum for rental for the March meeting, \$485 for Branch insurance, and \$50 to join the Community Foundation of Greater Greensboro (CFGG). It was also reported that \$645 was the total raised to date for NCCWSL 2017 scholarships.
AAUW NC Annual Meeting	<p>Members attending AAUW NC's Annual Meeting in Chapel Hill on April 1-2, 2016 were: President Wheaton, Libby Haile, Sue Mengert, Millie Hoffler-Foushee, Laura Tew and Jane Terwillegar. Two resolutions were approved at the Meeting: a Resolution to repeal HB2 and a resolution to complete the AAUW Ann Chipley Fund by December 2016. That fund is in need of \$7,900 to reach \$100,000 in order to become stipend bearing. Ann Chipley was a member of the Rocky Mount Branch, NC State President, and then joined the AAUW staff in Washington, DC – always actively involved in AAUW public policy issues. President Wheaton offered a 2 point suggestion for Branch action: "1) Ask people who knew Ann to contribute and 2) Add an option on Branch renewal notices for that Fund designation" (2nd Mary Fran Schickedantz). Laura Tew will provide information about the Ann Chipley Fund in April "Notes" and other notices going out to members. Mary Fran Schickedantz noted that many members contribute to AAUW funds as they renew and with people about to renew for 2017, this is a good time to provide them with information on designating those contributions directly to the Ann Chipley Fund.</p>

<p>Tech Savvy</p>	<p><i>Tech Savvy</i> on April 9th at UNCG's Sullivan Science building was successful. Laura Tew provided a quick slide show for the Board, with photos from the 35 Tweets for the <i>AAUW Greensboro</i> website, 25 Tweets for the <i>Triad Tech Savvy</i> site and <i>FaceBook</i>. Highlights included Ann Zuraw's session, "Chicks, Chat and Change" and "Strong Bodies, Strong Minds" organized by Donna Duffy, as part of the girls' Savvy Skills. There were nine STEM sessions, from "Strawberry DNA" to the "Internet of Things" – with the chemistry session, "Gluep", voted the most favorite by the girls – as it has been every year. (See attached program for <i>Tech Savvy 2016</i>.) In all, 129 girls attended, 40 parent/guardians, and 70 presenter/volunteers participated. It was a great STEM event for middle school girls and their parents.</p>
<p>Spring Luncheon</p>	<p>Chair Peggy Knox reported on plans for the Spring Luncheon. Panelists will be Anna Fesmire, League of Women Voters - Neill McNeill, news anchor at Channel 8 - and Dave Holian, UNCG professor and co-author of <i>Candidate Character Traits in Presidential Elections</i> (Routledge, 2014). Note that Dr. Holian graciously agreed to join the Spring Luncheon panel, after Afrigue Kilimanjaro found she needed to cancel. For NCCWSL 2017 donations, the luncheon program will simply list everyone who contributed, with no amount levels included. Chair Knox indicated that ticket sales were slow, with only 45 sold as of March 15th. The program, planned by President Wheaton and Linda Jensen, will be printed and the event will end with the drawing for five free national AAUW memberships.</p>
<p>College/University Liaison</p>	<p>Chair Sue Mengert indicated that all 3 winners of scholarships for the National Conference for Women Student Leaders 2016 (NCCWSL) are expected to come to the Spring Luncheon and NCCWSL Chair Kim Hewitt will present the scholarship awards. Each winner receives \$700, which includes the early registration fee of \$425, plus \$275 for transportation and other expenses for attending the June conference in College Park, MD. The three NCCWSL winners for 2016 are: Jourdan Montgomery (Bennett College), Melainie Maldonado (High Point University) and Paulnisha Granger (NC A&T).</p>
<p>Ad Hoc Committee for 501(c)(3) status</p>	<p>President Wheaton reported on the progress the Ad Hoc Committee has made toward applying for 501(c)(3) status. The proposed Articles of Incorporation for North Carolina and revised Bylaws for the Branch were submitted for review to Millie Hoffler-Foushee and Jill R. Birdwhistell, AAUW's Chief Operating Officer. When those documents are returned to the Ad Hoc Committee, further revision may be required. The Committee believes they are still on target for completion of this task before fall.</p>
<p>Public Policy/ Communications</p>	<p>Chair Laura Tew indicated the information from AAUW NC about supporting the Ann Chipley fund and NC Annual Meeting resolution opposing HB2 are posted on the Branch website. She also indicated there needs to be Board discussion relating to future plans for public policy/advocacy issues and Branch fund raising as we move into the 501(c)(3) status next year.</p>
<p>Fundraising</p>	<p>President Wheaton and Lena Murrill-Chapman plan to meet to begin planning for 2016-2017 fundraising activities. It was suggested that left over T-shirts and totes from <i>Tech Savvy</i> can be sold. There will also be donation envelopes on every table at the Spring Luncheon for NCCWSL 2017 donations.</p>
<p>Degrees Matter</p>	<p>Degrees Matter volunteers will meet with "come back" clients on April 11th – 15th at the Coffee Café event.</p>

<p>New Member Wine & Cheese</p> <p>Next Board Meeting</p> <p>Adjournment</p>	<p>President Wheaton offered two dates for a New Member wine & cheese planned at her home this spring: Sunday, May 22nd or Sunday, June 5. Mary Fran Schickedantz, Peggy Knox and Lena Murrill-Chapman agreed to be the planning committee and the date will be Sunday, June 5th. Nineteen new members have joined since September 2015.</p> <p>President Wheaton offered to hold the next Board meeting at her home. The date is Tuesday, May 3rd at 1:00 PM. It will be a joint meeting between the old and new boards, as Libby Haile will be sworn in as the new Branch President at the Spring Luncheon and new chairs will be named. President Haile will officially take office on June 30.</p> <p>Mary Woodrow made the motion to adjourn (2nd by Sue Mengert). The meeting adjourned at 4:05 PM.</p> <p>The next scheduled Board meeting is Tuesday, May 3rd at the home of President Wheaton (2707 Turner Grove Dr S – 336-640-8953) at 1:00 PM.</p> <p>New Branch Members: Melainie Maldonado – High Point University</p>